URGES ABANDONMENT OF 100,000 CHURCHES

Survey Finds They Do Not Fit Modern Conditions.

New York—A survey of the church situation in communities throughout the United States, made by Frederick L. Collins for the Woman's Home Companion, has led him to recommend the immediate abandonment of at least 100,000 churches which he classes as "useless and parasitic."

In the March issue of the magazine, Mr. Collins gives the following fundamental facts regarding the church situation in America:

There are at present 200,000 churches in the United States. They belong to 200 different denominations and faiths.

They represent an investment of $3,000,000,000. They cost $300,000,000 a year to maintain.

They pay no taxes to the community. They pay their ministers an average wage of only $800 a year. They spend less than 50 cents per year per child on religious education.

The majority of them open their doors only three times a week for religious services.

Builders Now Dead.

Most of them were erected by people now dead. Many of them are maintained by funds bequeathed by the dead.

Most of them were erected when the village, not the town or city, was the unit of national life. Many of them were intended to meet the social need of an isolated rural existence which no longer prevails.

Many of them were built before the invention of the telegraph, telephone, camera, bicycle and trolley car.

Almost all of them were built before the movie, the radio and the cheap car.

Writing under the title, "Shall We Tear Down the Churches?" Mr. Collins declares that the loss of the average Protestant church would hardly be felt by the community round about.

"It is pathetic," he says "that the disappearance of so important a building as a Christian church should leave the daily life of the community practically untouched. But would it not be so with most churches in your town? It was in mine. Its religious symbols in the eyes of the community the three struggling Baptist churches had already ceased to function. Few people, even few Christian people, realized that they were gone.

Modern Churches Necessary.

"This would be true of the average Protestant church—which is the only one I know anything about. The Catholic church is a thing apart. It performs so many services for its people which the Protestant church does not attempt that it cannot be judged by the same standards. I dare say even its humblest edifice would be seriously and sincerely missed. I am willing to believe that the same thing is true of many Christian Science churches. And I know it is true of most institutional structures, Protestant or Catholic, Christian or Jewish, built on modern plans to meet modern needs.

"But the average church would pass unnoticed to the house-wrecking companies. In brief, I suggest the immediate reduction, by at least one-half, of the existing places of worship, and the use of the savings thus realized for vigorous expansion of religious work.

"Church reduction viewed in this light is not a blow at religious prestige. It is a blow at dry rot. It is solemn recognition that the average church is not fit to meet modern conditions."

Lay 220-Foot Trestle in Seventeen Hours

Prairie du Chien, Wis.—A temporary trestle to fill the 220-foot gap left by the temporary removal of the big pontoon boat in the railroad bridge over the Mississippi river here was installed in 17 hours by four picked bridge crews.

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Two pile drivers were operated. Clams and chumebells to a dept of 14 feet were encountered on the surface of the river bed.

More Boys Than Girls Born; Deaths Even It

Washington.—According to the bureau of the census more boy babies than girl babies per unit of population are born in America annually, but in the struggle for existence the first twelve months the girls outlast the boys. Of the 1924 births, 992,431 were males and 938,185 females, or a proportion of 1,053 males to 1,000 females. Of the babies who died, under one year of age, there were 78,085 boys and 58,845 girls, or a proportion of 1,331 to 1,000.

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Lesson for March 6

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

GOLDEN TEXT—Acts 8:4-8; II Cor. 5:20.

DEVOTIONAL READING—Ps. 96:1-10.

PRIMARY TOPIC—Telling Others About Jesus.

JUNIOR TOPIC—Winning Recruits.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Christian Companions About Everywhere.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Christian Duty; Methods and Success.

Southside

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Chenault, and daughters, Marion, Bertha, Francis and Mrs. Arthur Torrence, all of Lynchburg, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Torrence on "East Ridge Farm."

Miss Gracie Torrence, of Lynchburg, was a week-end guest at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Torrence.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Doss are the happy parents of a fine little boy, William Russell.

Mrs. H. S. Drinkard, nee Miss Virginia Garrett, who underwent an operation for appendicitis at Memorial Hospital, Lynchburg, is reported much better.

Stonewall

Miss Dela Stratton is visiting relatives in Lynchburg.

Sears Taylor, of V. P. I., spent Saturday night and Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Taylor.

Mr. J. B Taylor sustained a severe stroke of parlysis last week and is very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Taylor, of Richmond, spent week-end with Mr. Taylor.

Messrs. Horsely and Vaughan Taylor, of Roanoke, visited their father last week.

Bert Stratton, of Alexandria, was a week-end guests of home folks.

"Eyes of Love" was quite a success at Stonewall Saturday night.

Miss Mary Connor, of Lynchburg, spent the week-end in the home of S. E. Anderson.

Forest View

After having real spring weather for some time the cold wind pinches; but this is ideal winter weather today.

Say, what has become of politics in Appomattox County? We don't hear a word. Wake up!

The farmers have marketed most of their tobacco around here, and some are preparing for another crop and some are not.

Mr. Robert Magan who spent the past winter with friends in Campbell County, but is now in the home of R. W. Martin, spent last week-end with his daughter, Mrs Mays in Lynchburg.

Mr W. L. Ford spent week-end with his wife and children in Appomattox.

We are sorry A. S. Woodley lost his only horse last week.

Mr. and Mrs. May who lived on the farm of W. L. Ford the past year, moved last week to her home near Red House. We hate to give up this young couple.

Mr. Bill Overbey has moved back to his farm near here, after spending the past year working in town.

Miss Erna Wooldrige entertained a number of young people last Saturday night at the home of her grandfather T. J. Nash, with splendid music etc., dancing was indulged in for a while. Everybody reported a good time.

We understand Miss Annie Nash has gone to Lynchburg for a while, and Miss Ruby Nash who has been making her home with her uncle, W. T. Nash, since Xmas, has gone to Roanoke to make her home there. We wish her great success in her new surroundings.

Mr. E. H. Marshall has returned from a trip to New York City which he thoroughly enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Nash and children were visitors in this neighborhood past week-end.

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Miss Elizabeth Coleman, of Richmond, spent the week-end with home folks.

Mrs. C. E. Lewis spent several days in Roanoke last week.

Mrs. Milton Reynolds who was called to Richmond to the bed-side of her son, Percy, has returned home and reports his condition is much improved.

Mr. Ray, the foreman of the road force is moving his outfit away from here, we are sorry to see move anything that works the road away from this part of the country.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Megginson, are all smiles, a little girl by the name of Jacqueline Juanita has come to live with them.

Mrs. Lawrence Hatcher entertained the W. M. S. of Liberty Chapel at her last Friday evening, a very pleasant evening was spent, was sorry more couldn't have been present.

A good many of our farmers are carrying their tobacco to Farmville last week. Farmville is a nice little town.

Mrs. T. H. Robertson gave a delightful birthday dinner Sunday. All present enjoyed the day very much.

EVERGREEN

Mrs. A. J. Harvey who has been very ill for some time we are glad to say is improving.

Mrs. Clarence Evans is on the sick list this week.

Miss Myrtle Evans and her friend, Miss Grace Collins, of S. T. C., Farmville, were week-end guests of the former's parents here.

Mrs. T. T. Evans, and family, are moving to Hopewell this week, we are sorry to give them up but wish them much success in their new home.

Mr. E. G. Harvey will move in the McDearmon house which he purchased this week.

Miss Ella Puckett who is in the Baptist Hospital in Lynchburg, is getting on nicely.

Mrs. E. F. Burnett is in Charlottesville, where her daughter, Mrs. Marshall, is in hospital for treatment.

Another little girl came to make her home with Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Harvey last week, hope she will have a happy sojourn.

Mrs. Willie Waren, and children, of Roanoke, were the guests of Mrs. Will Garrett Sunday.

Rev E. F. Burnett preached a splendid sermon here at the Baptist Church Sunday.

The B. Y. P. U. Social was held at the school last Saturday night. The decorations were of red, white, blue and other suggestions of George Washington's birthday. Those in charge of the program were Madian Lee, Ida Bell E[illegible] Ella's Marks. Daniel Jen[illegible] and Arnold Gunter, all who were dressed in colonial costumes. The program consisted of many contests and games after which refreshments were served.

Spout Spring Party

The members of the Page Literary Society of Spout Spring School presented a program on February 22nd, in remembrance of Washington's birthday. Invitations were issued on little red hatchets to all of the patrons. The class rooms were decorated with red, white and blue crepe paper, flags and hatchets.

The program consisted of songs, recitations, dialogues, and one of the most interesting features was a debate, Resolved: "That Washington was a greater man than Robert E. Lee. The affirmative was upheld by Ellen Doss and Sara Bates, the negative by Hazel Moon, and Horace Shirley. The Judges Mrs. W. A. Moon, Mrs. H. S. Jones, and Mrs. J. O. Robertson rendered their decision in favor of the affirmative.

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It is an affidavit having been made and filed that the defendant Fannie Reed is not a resident of the State of Virginia, it is ordered that she do appear, and do what is right and proper to protect her interest in this suit. And it is further ordered that a copy hereof be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Times-Virginian, a newspaper published in the County of Appomattox, and that a copy be posted at the front door of the Court House of this County on or before the 31st day of February 1927, that being the next succeeding day after this order was entered.

A copy—Teste:

L. F. Ferguson, p. q. — C W Smith, Clerk

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